

Sports

ECHOES OF THE FIGHT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 2.—Referee Earp whose decision of the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight caused an indignant demonstration from the crowd at the ring side last night, stated this morning that when he decided the fight in favor of Sharkey he did so because he thought that Fitzsimmons had been fouled by Sharkey, and under the rules the referee was entitled to decide in favor of the man who was fouled. He would have been willing to allow half fouls—that is, fouls that might be considered partly accidental—except that with only a reprimand, but in such a case as that he could only do his duty.

There is one thing that I regret. I should have given Sharkey the fight earlier in the contest. In the fourth round, I think it was, Fitzsimmons landed a left handed blow and returned with his right, cutting Sharkey's eye open. The referee should have intervened at that time. The fight then, the eighth round was seen plainly by me. Fitzsimmons smashed with his right in Sharkey's shoulder and then with his uppercut with the left he struck the referee below the belt. Sharkey was bleeding and the blow knocked him down. It was clearly a foul and before the referee moved I mentioned that the fight was over. The first blow had been weak and I believe that this second was intended for an uppercut, but it struck foul. No man until now has ever questioned my honor. I have been in many places and in many peculiar situations, but no one ever said until last night that I was guilty of a disgraceful act. And I still repeat that I decided in all fairness and with a judgment that was as true as my eye sight.

Fitzsimmons said, after the fight: "Earp knows, and so does Sharkey, that I did not hit the sailor where they say I did. My left landed straight in his stomach where I had a right to hit him and no other place. His lying down and groaning was all a part of the game. There was no need for me to foul him, because I had him whipped anyway and could have finished him before the end. It don't make any difference, though."

"As I telegraphed Dan Stuart last night I am willing to meet both Sharkey and Corbett in the same ring any night Stuart wants to pull the fight. I will say one thing, Corbett and I are not in this town. No pugilist can get a square deal from the thieves who handle fighting in this city and it is a safe bet that the last big fight San Francisco will ever see was pulled off last night."

Sharkey had this to say: "I am certain that Fitzsimmons fouled me deliberately to save himself from defeat. It was getting too plain to him that I was gaining in strength while he was going down hill, so to speak and rather than be knocked out, he thought he would lose on a foul. Had he been delivered that nasty blow which ended me, I would certainly have finished him in that round. The eighth I believe it was. I am sorry that the question of supremacy was not settled on its merits rather than in this way. I can beat Fitzsimmons and I would far rather have knocked him out than win the purse on a foul. I don't think he will be anxious to meet me again, however, but if he does, well, I am open to all engagements. I am in the boxing business as a profession. I intend to win the world's championship by the decision in this contest has not already given me the right to that title. I am not going to pose as a talking fighter, either. If anybody wants to meet me they will always find me willing."

A certified check for the amount of the purse was given to Sharkey by Referee Wyatt Earp after the fight last night. Some of Fitzsimmons' backers talk of enjoining the bank from paying the check, but it is not believed that such action, if taken, would cause the bank to withhold payment to Sharkey. It is claimed as the check was certified the bank has no option but to pay its check. It is also claimed that the decision of the referee is final and not susceptible of appeal to the courts. Physicians and newspaper men who participated in or witnessed the examination of Sharkey, after he was carried from the ring, say he was visibly wounded below the belt.

OPINION DIVIDED.

How San Francisco People Look at Earp's Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The city is divided as to the result of the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight, which continues to be the topic of the hour. No one questions that Fitzsimmons had the fight practically won in the eighth round and many assert that he was unjustly deprived of the victory by the referee's decision. It is also claimed that he was knocked out by a foul blow and was consequently under the rules, entitled to the honors of victory, including the purse of \$10,000. A third class base their opinions solely upon the reports of the physicians in attendance upon Sharkey. The doctors point to the swollen and discolored condition of the sailor's skin in the region of the groin as evidence of a foul blow and some assert Fitzsimmons advocated reply that the condition was purposely caused by an injection of a drug immediately after the fight.

A number of physicians and newspapermen were present in Sharkey's room this afternoon when an examination of his injuries was made. All said they were convinced that Sharkey's condition was the result of a foul blow. Many prominent men, however, condemn the decision and refuse to believe that there was any fouling. Such men as Police Commissioner Guert, Riley Granman, Major Frank McLaughlin, who was chairman of the Republican central committee, and others, believe that Fitzsimmons should have received the decision. It is pointed out that the whole affair has a disagreeable look. The facts are cited that Lynch, Sharkey's backer, refused to consider the name of any one as referee, declining every man suggested by Julian and refused to suggest any man himself, leaving the selection with the few individuals comprising the National Club.

Why the Odds Changed.

As soon as the club announced its choice of Wyatt Earp, famous as a horseman, from Arizona, but not a big expert, the odds which had been ten to four against Sharkey, unaccountably rose to ten to six, with more Sharkey money offered than could be handled. It is recounted that there were whispers yesterday afternoon that Sharkey could be favored in the decision and that rumors were reaching Fitzsimmons' ears, he requested the club to substitute any one else as referee. Even at the ring side when both Julian and Fitzsimmons stated in Earp's presence that they had been told he intended to referee unfairly, Earp stood quietly by and insisted on acting as referee despite the protest.

It is pointed out that Fitzsimmons fought a clean, skillful, scientific and winning battle, while Sharkey's fighting was rough and unfair. For his unfairness it is charged that Sharkey was not even reproved by the referee. It is claimed that the uppercut on Sharkey's chin in the eighth round was really a knockout blow and that the blow was delivered by Fitzsimmons, but that Sharkey, when knocked out, alleged the foul blow as an excuse. All this constitutes the case of Fitzsimmons by which his attorneys expect to prove the existence of a conspiracy to

deprive Fitzsimmons of the purse of \$10,000. An injunction has been applied for to restrain the Anglo-California bank from cashing the National Club's check until Fitzsimmons has an opportunity to prove the conspiracy. When Lynch and Referee Earp went to the bank this morning with the check, payment was refused by the teller, who referred Lynch to Manager Littlejohn. The latter stated that he had been advised by his attorney that the bank was in the position of an innocent custodian of the money which would be involved in the promised legal controversy and that for the protection of the bank he would refuse to pay it.

National Club's Request.

Lynch supposed that the bank had been formally enjoined from cashing the check, but it afterwards developed that the bank was acting on an order from the officials of the National club, who requested that the payment of the check should be temporarily deferred. As the check had been certified, the right of the bank to refuse payment is questioned, and will form the basis of an attack by Sharkey should he be worsted in the injunction suit. Meantime Sharkey is in bed with three doctors in constant attendance and he is likely to remain there for several days; the \$10,000 is in the bank and some three and four Fitzsimmons, without mark or bruise and was followed by an admiring and cheering crowd in walking the streets receiving continuous ovations as the real winner of last night's encounter.

Tom Sharkey was a somewhat dilapidated-looking pugilist as he lay on his bed to-day. The only visible bruises were on the left side of his face, one a cut which had rather neatly divided the left eye brow lengthwise.

"He gave me that cut with his elbow, when he fouled me early in the fight," said Sharkey.

The doctors made no objection to showing not only the condition of Sharkey's face, but also of his body. In doing so, they called attention to the fact that there was nothing to indicate that he had received any particular punishment previous to the striking of the blow which ended the fight. This seemed to be the fact, for there were no discolorations or bruises at all upon Sharkey's body, except at the point below the belt where the alleged foul blow is said to have landed.

Here there was a decided swelling and other evidences of injury which it was easy to conceive would have prevented a man from continuing a boxing match or any other form of exertion.

"I was all right up to the time I got that foul kick," Sharkey said in answer to a question. "I had not been hurt at all."

The three physicians all concurred in the statement made very positively, that Sharkey had been fouled, physical evidences they considered, being indisputable.

"He was hit there and hit hard," said Dr. Ragan.

Said Fitzsimmons to-night:

"Sharkey is a hard nut. He don't know much about fighting, however, but relies on brute strength and foul tactics, and a crooked referee to win. If I don't get this fight and purse I'll never enter the ring again, as it begins to look to me as if the people do not want me to be champion. They seem to prefer headlums and toughs to gentlemen."

Fitzsimmons gave a bag punching exhibition to-night at the Bush street theatre. He also showed how he knocked Sharkey out, making a little speech as he illustrated the blow.

When Wyatt Earp appeared in the ring last night to act as referee, he was disarmed by Police Captain Wittman, who took from the Arizona man a large sized pistol. To-night Earp was arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was released on bail.

A delegation of six reputable physicians examined Sharkey to-night and made the following report: "We find an ecchymosis, or swelling, on the left side of the groin, extending partially to the left. Also two small ecchymotic spots or discolorations about half way down on the right side."

Dr. Lee, the man called in to attend Sharkey last night in spite of the fact that other physicians offered their services, is not recommended by the regular medical fraternity of the city. It is stated by a prominent physician that the injuries exhibited by Sharkey could have been caused by a blow on the navel.

Bob Fitzsimmons, through his attorney, has commenced suit to restrain the bank from paying Sharkey the purse. Fitzsimmons charges conspiracy between Sharkey, the National Athletic club and other whose names are not given to award the purse to Sharkey under any circumstances. Judge Sanderson granted the injunction prayed for and the case will soon be tried in court. The National club is composed of J. G. Groom and John Gibbs, local men.

REFUSED TO PAY

The Check to Sharkey's Backer—Contract Must Decide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The Anglo-California Bank, on which the check for \$10,000 was drawn by the National club has refused payment. The check was presented by Lynch, Sharkey's backer. The bank officials told Lynch they must refuse to pay the check until the courts decided that Sharkey was entitled to the money. The bank officials say they are acting on legal advice.

CORBETT'S OPINION.

Thinks Earp is an Honest Man—Sharkey in the First Rank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Fugill Corbett shed no tears of regret to-day over the defeat of Fitzsimmons by Sharkey. One of the results of the San Francisco fight, Corbett said to a reporter, would be to put Sharkey in the first rank of fighters. While Corbett had thought at the conclusion of the first round that the

sailor could not last, his judgment was that as the fight progressed Sharkey improved both in hitting power and in enduring punishment. Corbett added that Referee Earp was not the man to make an unfair decision. As confirmation of this, Corbett said: "Fitzsimmons was boasting before the fight that if he once landed on Sharkey's jaw it would settle him. He did land twice in the first round and did not settle Sharkey. And it is hardly reasonable to suppose that Fitzsimmons could hit any harder in the eighth round than earlier in the fight."

George Siler's Opinion.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—George Siler, the well known sporting man, who was the referee at the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight in Mexico, last February, and who is admitted to be one of the best posted men in the country on ring matters, said to-night: "No referee has a right to give a decision on a foul unless a foul has been claimed by the man, or by the second, or the crowd, upon whom the foul is alleged to have been committed. If no claim of a foul is made, the fight cannot be decided on a foul. A fighter is entitled to nothing that is not claimed for him when fouls are in question."

CYCLING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Edward Plummer, manager of Thomas Linton, has expressed a desire to obtain a match race for his charge with James Michael. He has gone further. He has declared that he is willing to agree to any arrangement Michael may propose, and that he is willing to match Linton against the diminutive Volcan "ravel" for \$5,000, or for fun. Just what he means by the "fun" part of the proposition is not clear to Thomas W. Eck, manager of the World team and mentor of Michael. Eck, however, is willing to accept the financial part of Linton's "deal." He is ready and willing and has the money to post as an earnest of his desire to arrange a match. Eck, however, is not in the making business, and will not permit his man to race for any glory he might obtain from the contest.

"I am prepared to arrange a series of races between Linton and Michael immediately," Eck said yesterday. "My plan is to allow Linton to select any distance he desires for the first race, and for Michael to do likewise for the second. If it is necessary to run a third race, I shall insist that it be run on miles. The first two races, I think, will take place at San Francisco, and at San Jose. We will give Linton any kind of a race he wants. Michael will race him one mile with or without a pace-maker. Both men to start at scratch and ride the same way around the track, or he will concede him the privilege of riding in opposite directions. Anything in the way of a race he wants he can have for any sized purse up to \$5,000. If he wants a pace-maker he can have as many as he desires and as many different styles of pacing machines as he likes."

Eck has such an opinion of the work of his protégé that he is willing to bet \$100 that Linton cannot lower a single mark established by Michael in this country. Both these men are the same class of riders, being able to follow the fastest pace for almost any distance. Michael holds all the world's records from two miles to ten, while Linton boasts of the records from eleven up to an hour's riding.

BILLIARDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—John Roberts, the English billiard and pool champion, who has just declined Champion A. L. Leno's challenge to play a match at mixed English and American pool in London, has followed up the declination with the following announcement in his Billiard Review of London:

"While on the subject of Leno, I may say that the chestnut as to his beating me at the English game still crops up at intervals. Now, I repeat once more that Ives has never beaten me at English billiards, and no one knows better than I myself that I have no chance of doing so. If he would like to try, and I understand that he has been practicing the English game, my challenge to give any man in the world 5,000 points in 24,000 is open to him. If he considers that start insufficient, I might make it larger, if he showed a disposition to play a match."

I really don't know what Roberts means by that," Ives said to-day. "The English and American papers have published the news that I defeated Roberts at English billiards at London in the spring of 1895, closing with the nursery run of over 2,500 points with the balls jawed in a corner, the highest run on record of that kind. When Roberts came to America, I defeated him in Chicago, and he defeated me in a return game at Lenox Lyceum. That was Ives' victory over his one, and at English billiards. Roberts also knows that on my return to London, in March, 1894, I offered to deposit \$1,000 forfeit with Jenks, the American banker, to play another match on the same terms at London. The offer was not accepted.

"You can say that I will play Roberts the match he now suggests, provided the championship stake is used, with pockets measuring only three inches, or the fall of the state, and no larger. Or, if he wants to play French carams, I will give 15,000 points to him in a game of 24,000. That means a two-weeks' game. In any event, and would be an adequate test of superiority at either English or French billiards."

To Play in C. I.

The Wheeling Y. M. C. A. foot ball team will go to Cadiz to-morrow and play the Cadiz eleven, which is said to be a strong team. Wheeling will not have the services of one of her best players, "Jim" Handlan, who is now located in Sistersville.

BASE BALL.

The Pittsburgh Post is notoriously inaccurate in its alleged news from the Interstate base ball league. This is not surprising when it is known that George Moreland is responsible for the stuff that appears in the Post. Since Moreland tried to start a club in Wheeling on "wind" and failed, he has been in the condition known as "sore" on this city. Hence he writes a lot of rot about Wheeling not being good enough for the 1897 Inter-state league. That the owner of the 1896 club did so much kicking that the N. Y. City will be unsuccessful in gaining admittance next year. He figures it that New Castle, Youngstown, Bradford and Erie will be the eastern circuit and in the west there will be Toledo, Springfield, Dayton and Mansfield. The man who will for a moment stand up and try to pull the public into the belief that Bradford—or Erie, at that—would stand the ghost of a show for getting into a league if Wheeling had to be left out, is a fit candidate for high honors in the boss insane asylum in the land.

The Toledo Blade gives Moreland this dose of "hot shot": There's nothing like knowing all about a man, especially when a man doesn't know anything about it. Springfield, it is to be hoped, will not be in the Inter-state League; never was worth a continental as a ball town; and don't be in such a hurry. Mr. Post, in crowding Wheeling, Findlay, Saginaw and Akron off the map. As to Mr. Power's "averages," The Blade is very happy to know that they are to be out before the '97 season opens.

General Manager Anderson, of the Youngstown base ball club, says that it is probable Erie will be included in the Inter-state league for 1897. Electric railway officials in Erie are behind the enterprise and will induce a strong team in the field if Erie is taken into the league. The outlook indicates that the league for 1897 will include Youngstown, New Castle, Erie, Wheeling, Toledo, Dayton, Mansfield, with possibly teams in Akron and Canton, the object being to avoid any long jumps and increased traveling expenses.

The stockholders and directors of the

New Castle base ball team will hold their annual meeting during the present week when a president, manager and other officers will be elected. From the looks of things at the present time New Castle's last season players will nearly all be drafted or bought by other clubs. It has almost been settled for a certainty that Buffalo will take "Eagles" Brown, pitcher; Larry Gilroy, fielder; and Suter Sullivan, third baseman. It is now known that Milwaukee, which will be managed by Connie Mack, will draft John Gaezel, the big first baseman of last season's team. This will cost Milwaukee \$200. One or two others are also being inquired about by base ball magnates.

BOWLING.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	Per.
Harvest	7	2	.777
Famous	6	3	.667
Tidal Wave	5	4	.555
Mail Point	4	5	.444
Randy Boon	3	6	.333
Aurora	4	5	.444
Ceramic	3	6	.333
Aber-Nit	1	6	.167

Last night's games in the South Side Bowling League, were between the Famous and Ceramic teams. Famous is a team that is made up of crack bowlers, but they got a bad start and up to last night had not made the showing their admirers thought they were justified in looking for. The Ceramics, however, were just their size. Famous won three games as slick as a whistle, as follows:

CERAMICS.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Auber	123	117	137	377
Hudson	89	114	102	305
L. Fette	151	139	241	531
Hungerford	111	123	159	393
Belvedere	124	113	115	352
Webster	101	124	118	343
Totals	743	756	753	2252

FAMOUS.

1st. 2d. 3d. Total.

Cambridge 127 | 102 | 142 | 371 |

Schmullbach 121 | 112 | 172 | 405 |

Hall 128 | 163 | 145 | 436 |

Weltzel 182 | 169 | 151 | 492 |

Marshall 115 | 117 | 125 | 357 |

Handlan 149 | 138 | 146 | 433 |

Totals 817 | 922 | 851 | 2590 |

Umpire—Ross. Scorers—Kohn and Fette.

A Challenge.

Sporting Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR—Harry Farley, the East Wheeling featherweight, would like to meet Oscar Wilhelm, the South Side "Tornado," for a purse of \$50. He will meet him at the Harry and Billy saloon, Saturday evening and arrange all matters.

THOMAS GILLIGAN.

Manager.

Sale of Thoroughbreds.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 3.—The greatest sale of thoroughbreds in the history of Kentucky, took place to-day. The Eastern company sold the horses of the Elmendorf and Beaumont studs, which brought to Lexington prominent turfmen from every section. Candianus the imported son of Hermit and Fuzze, was the first offering, and was knocked down to John Mackay, representing J. B. Haggin, the California millionaire turfman, for \$15,000.

Imported Order, sire of Ornament and son of Ben D'Or and Angelica, owned by the Beaumont Stud, was started at \$10,000 by W. S. Barnes, who forced Haggin's representative to bid \$2,000 to secure the premier of Beaumont. Victorine, dam of Ornament, also went to Haggin, at \$10,000. Fifty-nine head brought \$83,262.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

The funeral of the late Alfred W. Cooney will take place from the family residence on Center street this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The members of Thoburn Post, G. A. R., will meet at its hall at 1 o'clock to attend the funeral.

The new annealing furnaces at the Aetna-Standard are about completed. The large iron cover has been moved and placed in position for moving the annealing boxes.

The anniversary of the Belmont county Auxiliary Bible Society will be held in the M. E. church at St. Clairsville Sunday, December 20.

Mrs. S. A. Thomas, formerly of Aetna-Standard, now of Buffalo, arrived last night to visit her son, William E. Thomas, on Broadway.

Yesterday, William, an eleven year old son of Lee Woods fell on the ice while skating and dislocated his right collar bone.

Miss Anna L. Kaiser, formerly of St. Clairsville, was married at Columbus last night to Charles M. Miller.

In the assignment of Henry Floto the appraisers have been set aside and a re-appraisal ordered.

Last night Miss Bess Watson entertained a party of friends at her home on High street.

Miss May Foreney, of West Wheeling, who has been visiting here, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cole are entertaining Mrs. E. L. Cunnard and daughter, of Barnesville.

Miss Anna Swan, of Pittsburgh, who has been visiting James Hess, returned yesterday.

St. Mary's Literary Society will present the "Miner's Daughter" after the holidays.

Henry M. Davies, ex-clerk of courts, has opened a law office at St. Clairsville. The nine-inch guide mill at the Aetna-Standard is off for a few days.

William Kurns, of Steubenville, was in Martin's Ferry yesterday.

Robert I. Lewis is visiting relatives at Hunter, O.

The Standard orchestra will give a ball December 11.

Ernest Tweedy was at Mt. Pleasant yesterday.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

STATE FAIR ELECTION NOTICE.

In pursuance of the by-laws of the West Virginia Exposition and State Fair Association, the annual meeting of the stockholders will be held in the office of Geo. Stifel, in the Court House, Wheeling, W. Va., on the 5th day of December, 1896, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

GEO. HOOK, Secretary.

NOTICE TO REPUBLICANS.

Notice is hereby given that the Republican State Fair election will be held in the city of Wheeling on Saturday, December 12, 1896, from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m., city time, for the selection of candidates for the following offices:

Mayor, City Clerk, City Sergeant, Wharfmaster, and Members of Council from the different Wards as follows: For the First Branch, one (1) from each of the eight wards; the Second Branch as follows:

Four (4) from the First ward, Three (3) from the Second ward, Three (3) from the Third ward, Three (3) from the Fourth ward, Three (3) from the Fifth ward, Five (5) from the Sixth ward, Three (3) from the Seventh ward, Four (4) from the Eighth ward.

Also a member of the City Republican Executive Committee from each ward.

Primaries to be held at the following places:

First ward—Vigilant Engine House, Second ward—Market House, Third ward—Police Court Room, Fourth ward—Atlantic Engine House, Fifth ward—Hook and Ladder House, Sixth ward—K. of P. Temple, Seventh ward—Logan Club Room, and Police Box at end of Suspension Bridge.

Eighth ward—No. 337 Jacob street and No. 423 Church street.

SUGGESTION MEETINGS.

Suggestion meetings for the purpose of suggesting names for members of City Council and names for City Executive Committee will be held Saturday, December 12, at eight (8) o'clock p. m., at the following places:

First ward, at Vigilant Engine House; Second ward, Market Hall; Third ward, Old Fellows' Hall; Fourth ward, Police Court Room; Fifth ward, Hook and Ladder House; Sixth ward, K. of P. Temple; Seventh ward, Logan Club Room; Eighth ward, B. B. Devereux Club Rooms.

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